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(Special Branch) Office Notes

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Sir,

The extent of authority
of these concerns is that they
have influence with the Japanese
sponsored Citizens' Federation.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Date October 20, 1938.

Subject..... Agencies undertaking the application of "Citizens'
Certificates" on behalf of people.

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With reference to the attached translation of an article from the "Globe" dated October 19 bearing on the report of certain persons having booked a room in a certain hotel in the Foreign Settlements to undertake the application of "Citizens' Certificates", enquiries have been made in various hotels in the Settlement but they have failed to find any such agency. It has, however, been found that the following concerns situated in the Settlement are undertaking the business of making application for "Citizens' Certificates" on behalf of people in Nantao :-

Chung Kuo Company (中國公司),
Room 407, Shanghai Commercial & Savings Bank
building, 40 Nungpo Road.

Lien Nyl Company (兩誼公司),
350 Szechuen Road.

China Trust Company (中國信託公司),
Room 514, 5th Floor, Continental Emporium, Building,
Nanking Road.

Yung An Trust Company (永安信託公司),
Room 308, Heng Li Bank Building, Honan Road,
near Tientsin Road.

The time taken for the issue of such certificates ranges from 5 days to 7 days and the commission charged varies from \$3.00 to \$4.00.

According to the managements of these firms, they undertook this business for applications only recently and prior to them doing the business, individual agents functioned in hotels.

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CONDITIONS IN OCCUPIED AREAS

The Japanese military and the puppet Police have been conducting strict searches of pedestrians in the suburbs of Shanghai.

"Bona fide resident certificates have now been replaced by "citizen's certificates". A new order has now made its appearance. Inhabitants have each to take out a brass badge on which are to be engraved their name, age, nativity, address and occupation. This badge has to be worn on a button below the neck. The charge for brass badge is \$2.60. Persons in possession of a "citizen's certificate" may apply for a brass badge on payment of \$0.60 only. The use of this brass badge will be enforced soon.

Owing to difficulties experienced in applying for "citizen's certificates" in Nantao, certain persons have booked a room in a certain hotel in the Foreign Settlements to undertake the application of "citizen's certificates" on behalf of people. However, it still takes about four days to secure a certificate. The applicant need not go to Nantao personally. He has to pay \$4 for the certificate. To avoid trouble, many people are making use of this service.

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